

RANDOLPH ENGINEER JARRETT ASSESSOR

COUNCIL SELECTS TWO OFFICIALS FOR CITY'S INTEREST.

Position of Engineer to Continue From Month to Month as Services Are Needed.

At the adjourned meeting of council last night Capt. J. H. Randolph was selected to act as city engineer from month to month as the necessities of the city for engineering service arose. It was pointed out by Alderman Mcally that there is immediate necessity for a survey of the water and sewer mains for the city.

The salary to be paid the engineer will be \$125 per month, it being understood that he is to give only such time as his services are actually needed. This is fifty dollars per month less than was formerly paid for engineering service.

B. E. Jarrett, formerly city tax assessor, consented to continue in this capacity and was elected. Mr. Jarrett is more familiar with the assessment rolls than anyone else and council was very anxious to have him continue.

COAL PRODUCTION INCREASES.

Tonnage of 1917 Is Being Exceeded, Says Railroad Administration.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20—Coal production has been resumed to such an extent that there is now a greater than the average production at this time in 1917, the Railroad Administration announced today.

Production increased from 1,058,000 tons on December 12th to 1,595,000 tons or 79 per cent of normal on December 16, despite the shortage of cars and the difficulties in moving them.

Coal is now being transported to meet all needs it is stated. No coal is being held in storage or on wheels, except to meet the needs of certain territories.

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GULF STREAM CHANGES MENACE COTTON CROP

(By United Press.)

ABBEVILLE, LA., Dec. 19—The course of the Gulf stream is believed to have come ten miles nearer the American coast during the last year and probably caused serious damage to the cotton crop, according to one of the most prominent packers of this section.

Valle has made observations which lead him to believe that reports made recently by seamen that the Gulf stream was flowing nearer the land was correct. He points out that this year's cotton crop was greatly curtailed because of adverse weather conditions.

"If the Gulf stream is actually flowing so near land, I fear the entire cotton growing area is menaced by a succession of wet seasons, which, added to the ravages of the boll weevil and other pests, will curtail materially the production and lower the grade of American cotton," Valle said.

MARCUS PINKUS HELD UP.

Ran Several Miles in Woods Had Lost His Automobile.

News was received here last night of an attack made on Marcus Pinkus, who has a store here and one in St. Augustine, the night before between here and St. Augustine. Pinkus, it is alleged, was held up by a negro, and after firing his pistol at his assailant started running through the woods. Becoming exhausted he fell, and was later found and carried to a hospital in St. Augustine.

Reports received here today are to the effect that he was not injured at all, but was suffering from exhaustion. His automobile was left somewhere in the woods where the attack was made.

NOTICE.

All members of Palatka Lodge No. 34 F. & A. M. are requested to meet at the Lodge room at 2:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon Dec. 21st for the purpose of attending the funeral of our late brother Austin K. Spencer. J. H. Haughton, Secretary. W. C. Davis, W. M.

LEADER BATTALION OF DEATH COMING HERE

MAJOR DAN SMITH TO SPEAK ON PROHIBITION IN JANUARY.

Will Relate Some of His Experiences While Earning the Title Attached to Battalion.

Colonel Dan Morgan Smith, Chicago attorney and late commander of a battalion of the 358th infantry, known as the "Battalion of Death," who will speak in Palatka Monday Jan. 5, will make a number of addresses in Florida during January. His addresses will be made under joint direction of the Anti-Saloon League of Florida and the Anti-Saloon League of America. Dr. C. W. Crooke, of Jacksonville, is in general charge of the arrangements.

Colonel Smith will tell the war experiences of himself and his command. The battalion was given its name because of the fatality which it wrought on the enemy, though the fatality attending its own men might easily have brought it the distinction. For, whereas it went into the St. Mihiel drive with 1160 men, it emerged with only 327. He will speak at the Methodist church.

Colonel Smith is a Southern-born and Southern-bred man, who, however, is widely known in every state in the union. An attorney by profession and a platform man too, he has ever been a military man. Before the European war he was a member of the military staff of the governor of Illinois, and served as judge advocate. When the war broke out he enlisted as a private soldier and won his successive promotions.

It is announced that women as well as men are invited and that former soldiers are given especial invitation. The meetings are free.

The first meeting will be held in Jacksonville Morocco temple, Sunday afternoon, January 4, at 3 o'clock. Dr. Crooke will be in charge.

of the war in a controversy involving heavy assessments against successful office holders by the county Socialist

committee. Bodenab is a lawyer and has served in the state senate. KAISER POLITICAL FOOL.

Socialist Paper Now Has Its Say About Wilhelm.

BERLIN, Dec. 20—The greatest fool in political history, is the characterization of the former Kaiser by the Socialist newspaper, Vorwaerts, today, commenting on the laudatory telegrams sent the German exile by the Nationalist party at Potsdam.

As to the Crown Prince, the paper says he has a coarse mind and is a superficial dandy, fond of females. Otherwise, he is totally incapable. One of his achievements is the invention of a new cuff link.

MORE THAN 20,000 IN AMERICA MILLIONAIRES

(By United Press.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20—Twenty thousand persons in the United States now are rated as millionaires, income tax reports show. The American millionaire class is increasing at a rate of more than 2,000 individuals a year.

The internal revenue bureau received the reports from all over the country, following the filing of returns for the three months period which ended Monday. Final reports on the returns are expected within a few days at the office of Commissioner Daniel Roper.

The millionaire class includes all persons whose incomes for the calendar year are at least \$50,000, or 5 per cent of \$1,000,000. This of course includes some high salaried executive whose private fortunes do not total \$1,000,000.

The millionaire class, as computed, however, includes many persons whose incomes were well above \$1,000,000 a year. Thus for the last full year for which reports were available, 67 persons paid taxes on incomes ranging from \$1,000,000 to \$1,500,000 a year. The average tax paid by these persons for the year was \$249,948.

For the same year, four persons made returns on personal incomes of at least \$5,000,000 each. The average tax paid by this group was \$4,087,731.

In the calendar year of 1913, approximately 7,500 persons were rated millionaires, according to the internal revenue bureau. In 1915 there were 17,000, in 1917 there were 19,103. During the four war years, more than 12,000 new millionaires were created.

ODDITIES IN THE NEWS

Tag ODDITIES IN NEWS — NEW YORK—Five men are under arrest for stealing the "kick" out of five barrels. Sam Katzenbach bought five barrels of whiskey for \$500 and when he opened them he found water. The sellers were arrested.

CINCINNATI—Carriage makers club gives away two hundred lumps of coal and sugar as favors here.

KOKOMO, IND.—W. C. Wolverton advertised "no questions asked" for the return of some eggs stolen from his hen house. The thief dropped his purse containing much more than enough to pay for the eggs.

ST. LOUIS—Judge Todd had many things to say today. He ruled Henry Van this fact offers objection to supporting his schools of Putnam at law was insufficient ground counties a unique opportunity from his wife.

ST. LOUIS—The ship of the "Life" Club faces rough friary, to school pupils is the adoption of by Court's uninteresting. Once members from many mother-in and heard Champ Claxton order. The for divorce story becomes a thing composed of Every person should hard to nine-QUITMAN, Mr. man. School pupils are enough "Old Bachelors" of the High school. Only bachelors sailing following consider this lecture with "Z" now laws prohibiting marriage of any branch. ing except in alphabet. W.—"Not quite spinsters ranging up of Palatka of latest Am. ty. sends word "ther attitude of fashions, expressed of us to go 'round' is this won, wife of the gov- whose names began st. uth Wales. She ad- attend club meeting esday night women to have noth- the Arcadia them.

SYDNEY, N. S. W.—A rush for MINN.—A rush for erican and British OSLER D. here. Twenty-nine by Lady Davidsen naturalization appeared error of New England, Dec. Roester recently. On- vised Australian, noted physics first papers had been ing to do with for several years before war were considered.

ST. CLOUD, Minn.—Citizenship is applicants for before Judge ly those whom issued at least was declared

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TODAY

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— IN —

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MONDAY

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Evenings, 6:45 and 8:15

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.50c Nuts all kinds for45c
.50c Bottle Florida Syrup for47c
.80c Fruit Cake for75c
\$1.15c Fruit Cake for 1.05c
\$1.60c Fruit Cake for 1.50c
.25c Dry Apples for20c
.30c Dry Apples for25c
.30c Prunes for25c
.20c Stone Cake for19c
.10c Loaf Bread for09c

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is

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